They are not permitted to carry any news and current affairs programs in their broadcast. Since the guidelines are already in place, no fresh guidelines are proposed to be issued. The assignment of frequencies and grant of wireless operating license for all wireless stations including FM broadcast stations by Wireless Planning and Coordination Wing of the Department of Telecom is governed by the Indian telegraph Act, 1885.

FDI in Broadcasting sector

†356. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating for increasing percentage of foreign capital investment in broadcasting sector of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the new proposal;

(c) what are the reasons for considering this proposal; and

(d) what is the approved percentage of foreign capital investment in broadcasting sector of the country?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) As per the present provision following foreign investment limits have been prescribed for different sub-sectors within the Broadcasting sector:

FM Radio	FDI+ FII invesment upto 20%
Cable Network	49% (FDI+ FII)
Direct-to-Home	49% (FDI+ FII) Within this limit, FDI component not to exceed 20%
Setting up hardware facilities such as up-linking HUB, etc.	49% (FDI+ FII)
Up-linking a News & Current Affairs TV Channel	26% 49% FDI+ FII
Up-linking a Non-news & Current Affairs TC channel	100%

Notification of service condition rules after constitution of Prasar Bharati

357. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after constitution of Prasar Bharati in 1990, the rules for regularization, transfer and other service conditions have not been notified so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether it is also a fact that after the formation of Prasar Bharati, Doordarshan and AIR have become a safe ground for IAS, IPS, CSS and IFS officers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.